

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A humidity indicator, comprising at least one humidity-determining face ~~(M1 to M4)~~ which is provided on a surface of a humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~ comprising cobalt chloride ~~[(Co)]~~ held in a base paper sheet ~~[(B)]~~, so that the cobalt chloride ~~[(Co)]~~ is exposed to the humidity-determining face, whereby humidity is determined by the discoloration of the cobalt chloride ~~[(Co)]~~ on the humidity-determining face ~~(M1 to M4)~~, characterized in that

said humidity indicator further includes a first film ~~[(F1)]~~ covering the surface of said humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~, and a second film ~~[(F2)]~~ covering the back of said humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~;

a flat air layer ~~[(Au)]~~ is formed at least between the first film ~~[(F1)]~~ and the surface of the humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~, so that the entire surface of said humidity-determining face ~~(M1 to M4)~~ faces to said air layer; ~~(Au); and~~

a plurality of small holes ~~[(H)]~~ are formed at distances from one another in said first film ~~[(F1)]~~ to permit the direct communication of said air layer ~~[(Au)]~~ with the atmosphere~~[[.]]~~;

said first and second films are formed to protrude from an outer peripheral edge of said humidity-determining plate and bonded at outer peripheral edge portions thereof directly to each other; and

said first and second films are bonded in a compression manner to a portion of said humidity-determining plate surrounding a region corresponding to said air layer.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein

a plurality of said humidity-determining faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~ are arranged at distances on the surface of said humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~ in correspondence to a plurality of different humidity levels, respectively; and

said air layer ~~[(Au)]~~ is formed commonly to a plurality of said humidity-determining faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 1 or ~~[[2]]~~ 3, wherein

said base paper sheet ~~[(B)]~~ is a filter paper having a hygroscopicity;

a flat second air layer ~~[(Ad)]~~ is formed between said second film ~~[(F2)]~~ and the back of said humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~, so that at least a region or regions of said back corresponding to said humidity-determining face or faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~ face to the second air layer ~~[(Ad)]~~; and

a plurality of small holes ~~[(H')]~~ are formed at distances from one another in said second film ~~[(F2)]~~ to permit the direct communication of said second air layer ~~[(Ad)]~~ with the atmosphere.

5. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 1 or ~~[[2]]~~ 3, wherein that each of said films ~~(F1, F2)~~ has been subjected to an antistatic treatment.

6. (Currently Amended) A humidity indicator, comprising at least one humidity-determining face ~~(M1 to M4)~~ which is provided on a surface of a humidity-determining plate  $[(P)]$  which is made of a paper and formed into a card-shape, whereby humidity is determined by the discoloration of the humidity-determining face ~~(M1 to M4)~~, characterized in that

said humidity indicator further includes a first film  $[(F1)]$  covering the surface of said humidity-determining plate  $[(P)]$  and forming the surface of said humidity indicator, and a second film  $[(F2)]$  covering the back of said humidity-determining plate  $[(P)]$  and forming the back of said humidity indicator;

a flat air layer  $[(Au)]$  is formed at least between the first film  $[(F1)]$  and the surface of the humidity-determining plate  $[(P)]$ , so that the entire surface of said humidity-determining face ~~(M1 to M4)~~ faces to said air layer  $[(Au)]$ ;

a plurality of small holes  $[(H)]$  are formed at distances from one another in said first film  $[(F1)]$  to permit the direct communication of said air layer  $[(Au)]$  with the atmosphere;

said first and second films ~~(F1, F2)~~ are formed to protrude from an outer peripheral edge of said humidity-determining plate  $[(P)]$  and bonded  $[(m)]$  at outer peripheral edge portions ~~(F1a and F2a)~~ thereof directly to each other; and

said first and second films ~~(F1, F2)~~ are bonded in a compression manner to a portion of said humidity-determining plate  $[(P)]$  surrounding a region corresponding to said air layer  $[(Au)]$ .

7. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 6, wherein  
a plurality of said humidity-determining faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~ are arranged at  
distances on the surface of said humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~ in correspondence to  
a plurality of different humidity levels, respectively; and  
said air layer ~~[(Au)]~~ is formed commonly to a plurality of said  
humidity-determining faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) The humidity indicator according to claim 6 or 7,  
wherein said base paper sheet ~~[(B)]~~ is a filter paper having a hygroscopicity;  
a flat second air layer ~~[(Ad)]~~ is formed between said second film ~~[(F2)]~~ and the  
back of said humidity-determining plate ~~[(P)]~~, so that at least a region or regions of said  
back corresponding to said humidity-determining face or faces ~~(M1 to M4)~~ face to the  
second air layer ~~[(Ad)]~~; and  
a plurality of small holes ~~[(H')]~~ are formed at distances from one another in said  
second film ~~[(F2)]~~ to permit the direct communication of said second air layer ~~[(Ad)]~~  
with the atmosphere.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[he]]~~ The humidity indicator according to claim 6 or 7,  
wherein that each of said films ~~(F1, F2)~~ has been subjected to an antistatic treatment.
10. (New) The humidity indicator of claim 1, wherein said humidity indicator is  
transported with an electronic part in a packaged state.

11. (New) The humidity indicator of claim 6, wherein said humidity indicator is transported with an electronic part in a packaged state.